

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A multiple use lancing aid for producing an opening in the skin, the lancing aid comprising:

a removable lancet system, wherein the lancing aid has a holding element that interacts with a holding element in the lancet system when the lancet system is positioned in the lancing aid;

the lancet system comprising at least one needle having a needle tip, wherein the at least one needle is movably connected to a needle body, wherein the needle body comprises a protective portion such that the protective portion of the needle body and the needle can be moved relative to one another;

wherein the protective portion of the needle body partially surrounds the needle tip in a first position;

wherein the protective portion of the needle body and the needle tip are arranged relative to one another in a second position in such a manner that the needle tip ~~is released~~ extends from the protective portion of the needle body;

an opening in the lancing aid, wherein the needle tip of the at least one needle can emerge from the lancing aid during a lancing operation;

~~a drive mechanism for propelling the at least one needle such that the needle is transferred from a resting position into a lancing position; and~~

a blocking mechanism comprised in the needle body, wherein the blocking mechanism is actuated by an interaction with the lancing aid such that after removal of the lancet system from the lancing aid, the holding element of the lancing aid is prevented from interacting with the holding element of the lancet system, and reuse of the lancet system with the lancing aid after the lancet system is removed from the lancing aid is thereby prevented.

2. (Currently Amended) The lancing aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the holding element of the ~~housing~~ lancing aid is prevented from interacting with the holding element of the lancet system in such a manner that after removal from the lancing aid, the lancet system cannot be reinserted into the lancing aid.

3. (Previously Presented) The lancing aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lancet system and the lancing aid each have several, and independently acting holding elements.

4. (Currently Amended) The lancing aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the actuation of the blocking mechanism prevents an interaction of the holding elements of the lancet system with the ~~housing~~ lancing aid such that the lancet system can not be held and positioned in the lancing aid after it is removed.
5. (Currently Amended) The lancing aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein an interaction of the holding elements of the lancing aid and the lancet system is prevented in such a manner that the needle cannot be propelled ~~by the drive mechanism~~.
6. (Previously Presented) The lancing aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the actuation of the blocking mechanism spatially separates the holding elements when the lancet system is reinserted into the lancing aid.
7. (Previously Presented) The lancing aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the blocking mechanism is actuated when the lancet system is removed from the lancing aid.
8. (Previously Presented) The lancing aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the blocking mechanism is actuated when the lancet system is inserted into the lancing aid.
9. (Original) The lancing aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the blocking mechanism is actuated during a lancing operation.
10. (Previously Presented) The lancing aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the protective portion of the needle body is transferred to the first position during the removal of the lancet system from the lancing aid.
11. (Original) The lancing aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first position of the protective portion of the needle body is the same as the resting position.
12. (Currently Amended) A lancet system for insertion into a lancing aid, the lancet system comprising:
at least one needle with a tip for producing a skin opening;

a needle body with a holding element that interacts with a holding element of the lancing aid when the lancet system is inserted into the lancing aid, wherein the needle body is movably connected with the needle in such a manner that at least one protective portion of the needle body and the needle can be moved relative to one another;

wherein the protective portion of the needle body at least partially surrounds the needle tip in a first position and in a second position, the protective portion of the needle body and the needle tip are spatially separated from one another such that the needle tip extends from ~~is released by~~ the protective portion of the needle body, the protective portion of the needle body being positioned in the first position when the lancet system is removed from the lancing aid; and

a blocking mechanism in the needle body, wherein the blocking mechanism is actuated by an interaction with a lancing aid and changes the needle body such that, after removal of the lancet system from the lancing aid, the holding element is prevented from interacting with the holding element of the lancing aid, wherein reuse of the lancet system with the lancing aid after the lancet system is removed from the lancing aid is prevented.

13. (Previously presented) The lancet system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the actuation of the blocking mechanism changes the shape of the needle body.

14. (Previously Presented) The lancet system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the needle body comprises a magazine housing that contains a plurality of needles.

15. (Original) The lancet system as claimed in claim 12, wherein a part of the needle body comprises the blocking mechanism which is actuated independently of the protective portion of the needle body.

16. (Previously presented) The lancet system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the actuation of the blocking mechanism covers and destroys the holding element of the lancet system.

17. (Previously presented) The lancet system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the shape of the needle body comprises the holding element of the lancet system.

18. (Currently Amended) The lancet system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the ~~needle body has a preset breaking point and~~ actuation of the blocking mechanism breaks the needle body when it is removed from the lancing aid.

19. (Previously presented) The lancet system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the actuation of the blocking mechanism enlarges at least one area of the needle body.

20. (Previously presented) The lancet system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the actuation of the blocking mechanism reduces the size of at least one area of the needle body.

21. (Previously presented) A lancet system, comprising:

a needle body configured for insertion into a lancing aid and removal therefrom after use;

a needle movably mounted to the needle body, the needle having a tip for producing a skin opening;

the needle being movable from a first resting position in which the needle body at least partially surrounds the tip, to a lancing position in which the tip is exposed for puncturing a body part, and to a second resting position in which the needle body at least partially surrounds the tip, the needle occupying the second resting position when the needle body is removed from the lancing aid; and

a blocking mechanism, actuation of which changes the shape of the needle body and prevents reuse of the needle with the lancing aid after the needle body is removed from the lancing aid.

22. (Previously presented) The lancet system of claim 21, wherein the blocking mechanism is actuated upon insertion of the needle body into the lancing aid, the needle being movable to the lancing position after the actuation of the blocking mechanism.

23. (Previously presented) The lancet system of claim 21, wherein the needle body comprises a hole through which the needle tip emerges in the lancing position, the hole configured for alignment with a lancing opening in the lancing aid when the needle body is inserted into the lancing aid.

24. (Previously presented) The lancet system of claim 21, wherein the needle body comprises a magazine and the needle comprises a plurality of needles.

25. (Previously presented) The lancet system of claim 21, wherein the needle body comprises a holding element configured to interact with the lancing aid upon insertion of the needle body into the lancing aid, the actuation of the blocking mechanism preventing the interaction of the holding element with the lancing aid after the needle body is removed from the lancing aid.

26. (Previously presented) The lancet system of claim 21, wherein the blocking mechanism comprises a movable ring surrounding the needle body.

27. (Previously presented) The lancet system of claim 26, wherein actuation of the blocking mechanism causes the ring to move to a position which allows at least one area of the needle body to enlarge.

28. (Previously presented) The lancet system of claim 27, wherein the enlargement takes place as or after the needle body is removed from the lancing aid.

29. (Previously presented) The lancet system of claim 21, wherein the actuation of the blocking mechanism prevents the needle body from being reinserted into the lancing aid after removal.

30. (Previously presented) The lancet system of claim 21, wherein the first and second resting positions are the same.

31. (Previously presented) The lancet system of claim 21, wherein the needle is configured to move between the second resting position and the lancing position multiple times after the needle body is inserted in the lancing aid and before the needle body is removed from the lancing aid, whereby the needle can be reused.

32. (Previously presented) The lancet system of claim 31, wherein the needle is configured to move between the second resting position and the lancing position multiple times after the actuation of the blocking mechanism.

33. (Previously Presented) The lancet system of claim 27, wherein the at least one portion of the needle body that is enlarged comprises a flexible arm that moves outwardly when the blocking mechanism is actuated.

34. (New) A lancet system for insertion into a lancing aid, the lancet system comprising:

- at least one needle with a tip for producing a skin opening;

- a needle body with a holding element that interacts with a holding element of the lancing aid when the lancet system is inserted into the lancing aid, wherein the needle body is movably connected with the needle in such a manner that at least one protective portion of the needle body and the needle can be moved relative to one another;

- wherein the protective portion of the needle body at least partially surrounds the needle tip in a first position and in a second position, the protective portion of the needle body and the needle tip are spatially separated from one another such that the needle is released by the protective portion of the needle body, the protective portion of the needle body being positioned in the first position when the lancet system is removed from the lancing aid; and

- a blocking mechanism in the needle body, wherein the blocking mechanism is actuated by an interaction with a lancing aid and changes the needle body such that, after removal of the lancet system from the lancing aid, the holding element is prevented from interacting with the holding element of the lancing aid, wherein reuse of the lancet system with the lancing aid after the lancet system is removed from the lancing aid is prevented and the actuation of the blocking mechanism enlarges at least one area of the needle body.

35. (New) A lancet system, comprising:

- a needle body configured for insertion into a lancing aid and removal therefrom after use;

- a needle movably mounted to the needle body, the needle having a tip for producing a skin opening;

- the needle being movable from a first resting position in which the needle body at least partially surrounds the tip, to a lancing position in which the tip is exposed for puncturing a body part, and to a second resting position in which the

needle body at least partially surrounds the tip, the needle occupying the second resting position when the needle body is removed from the lancing aid;

a blocking mechanism, actuation of which changes the shape of the needle body and prevents reuse of the needle with the lancing aid after the needle body is removed from the lancing aid; and

wherein, the blocking mechanism comprises a movable ring surrounding the needle body and actuation of the blocking mechanism causes the ring to move to a position which allows at least one area of the needle body to enlarge.

36. (New) The lancet system of claim 35, wherein the enlargement takes place as or after the needle body is removed from the lancing aid.

37. (New) The lancet system of claim 35, wherein the at least one portion of the needle body that is enlarged comprises a flexible arm that moves outwardly when the blocking mechanism is actuated.